

### REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the claims were rejected as being anticipated by the disclosure of the prior art Figs. 7 and 8 of the application. In response, however, the claims have been amended to clarify the patentable distinctions of the present invention as compared to those figures. In particular, amended independent Claims 1 and 2 and new independent Claim 7 require that first and third semiconductor regions of the claimed photoelectric conversion device are separately formed of a first conductivity type material.

Figs. 7 and 8, on the other hand, do not disclose such structure. Moreover, the independent claims define a specified configuration as to an impurity concentration profile, impurity concentration peaks, and a relation of the peaks and depths of such peak concentrations. These specified features are also absent from the disclosure of Figs. 7 and 8.

Accordingly, the present invention is believed to be patentable over the disclosures of Figs. 7 and 8, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Request to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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